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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Group Art Unit: 3731

Serial No.: 10/098,683

For: SPINAL IMPLANT CONTAINING BONE MORPHOGENETIC PROTEIN

Filed: March 15, 2002

Examiner: U. Ho

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

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